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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated 6 February 2002, paper no. 6, please
amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

The paragraph on Page 2, lines 5-8

A1

It is an object of the present invention to provide a feeding and picking device
which is able to work in fields not planted in rows, which has a simple design, and
which can be safely operated.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 14 and 16, and amend claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 20 as
follows:

A2

1. A feeding and picking device for feeding and picking a standing agricultural
crop wherein individual plants in the crop are provided with plant stalks, the device
comprising a rotating feeding element that is rotated about a vertical axis and
comprises a body with outwardly extending fingers, the rotating feeding element
grasps plant stalks and directs the plant stalks to a picking device which separates .